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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Application Number	09/178,837	
Filing Date	October 26, 1998	
First Named Inventor	Darren J. Kady	
Group Art Unit	2635	
Examiner Name	Dalencourt, Y.	
Attorney Docket Number	GC-334	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on March 29, 2001
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

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ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

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iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

Adjustment date: 08/17/2001 LGIPRS
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iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of month. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months, Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 16-0478

i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 07/24/2001 SDENB081 00000083 03178837

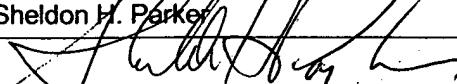
ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:279 355.00 OP

iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ 410.00 enclosed

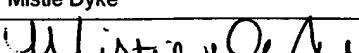
c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF/APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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